

**THE HOTEL FOLDER FAD.**

Collecting These Souvenirs of Foreign Travel Is Popular—Some Beautiful Specimens Issued.

To collect hotel folders is the latest fad. Almost all of the big hotels of Europe issue booklets not only describing the charms of their solons and verandas, but giving many a curious picture and quaint legend of some historic scene near by. The pictures are oftentimes close likenesses to etchings, and not a few are colored, so that on being framed under glass they appear from the wall to be water color paintings, says the New York Tribune.

The collecting of hotel folders seems to have all the fascination which many another fad was wont to have before it became worn out. Instead of gathering together the postage stamps of various nations, or theater programmes, or restaurant menus, many a "collector" is now filling his scrap book with pictures of the pleasure palaces of England and the continent.

The booklets, which are sent out gratuitously by European hotels to anyone who writes for them, are sometimes as elaborate as art magazines. Hotels in Italy and Switzerland, for example, are likely to illustrate their folders with pictures of Italian lakes and bits of Alpine mountain scenery. The lake pictures are to attract those fond of water, and the pictures of the peaks and gorges are designed to tempt mountain climbers. Certain hotels of France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria and Hungary have a way of weaving legends among more staid geographical data. For example, a table of statistics concerning railroad rates and time tables will follow a story of some brave crusader and his sweetheart, who became a nun ere his return. The ancient fable will be made more real by pictures of a crumbling tower where the lovers first met, or a ruined window where they bade each other a last farewell.

Hotels in Great Britain reflect much of the life of city or county in their folders. A house will furnish along with pictures of its own corridors and apartments sketches of famous buildings in the neighborhood, or, perchance, the portrait of a famous man who was born near the corner.

Although these booklets cost the hotels no small sum each year to publish and send out broadcast,

yet the "bread cast on the waters" is returned after many days to a great enough degree to bring profit. Even if the collector of hotel folders does not go to all the hotels himself which are represented in his collection, yet he shows his prizes to others, who tell still others about them, so that many a traveler, who might have landed aimlessly in some faraway European city instead goes straight to a certain inn, because "somehow he remembered its name."

**Properties of Asbestos.**

The terrible disaster in the Iroquois theater at Chicago has attracted universal attention to the singular substance, asbestos, which can be carded like wool and formed into fire-proof cloth or paper. Asbestos belongs to the hornblende type of minerals, and in some respects forms a kind of link between the vegetable and animal kingdoms. It is, says Mr. A. F. Collins, at once fibrous and crystalline, elastic and brittle, heavy as rock in the crude state, yet light as thistle-down when mechanically treated. The best asbestos for the manufacture of fire-proof cloth comes from lower Canada. It is found in narrow seams, about an inch and a quarter in thickness, sometimes vertical and sometimes horizontal in the containing rock. As it comes from the rock it is worth \$200 a ton; but the long fibers, stripped ready for spinning and weaving, are worth \$1,500 a ton.—Youth's Companion.

**Antarctic Cold.**

Though the temperature fell more than 60 degrees below zero several times at the place where observations were made, these records cannot be regarded as representing the extreme cold in the antarctic regions. Greely and Perry saw nothing worse than 60 or 65 degrees below zero, but, like Capt. Scott, they were close to the sea except during the summer months. The most severe cold on record is that observed in northern Siberia, well inland, says the New York Tribune. A temperature of 90 below was registered a few years ago at Werkjohansk. For well known astronomical reasons the winter of the southern hemisphere is colder than that of the northern. If a midwinter observation could be made several hundred miles from the ocean in that part of the globe, therefore, it is not unlikely that a temperature of fully 100 degrees below zero would be encountered.

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**THE CHEERFUL TELEPHONE.**

An Institution That Contributes Much Toward the Enlivenment of Mankind.

In a general summing up of the numerous mechanical inventions which contribute largely to the gayety of nations, the telephone, it appears, does not fall behind, says the Indianapolis Journal.

"It just occurred to me the other day," said a woman in a little group of club loiterers who were having a social chat after the club had adjourned, "that we do not give the telephone its just due of praise as a cheer distributor. One hears a good deal, now and then, about the useful telephone, the wonderful telephone, the convenient telephone, but really I have never heard any one call it the 'cheerful telephone.' Perhaps, however, one needs to be a suburban dweller to realize what an entertaining and agreeable companion the telephone is. In trite phrase, words can hardly tell what a valuable affair the telephone is in the country. In the dull winter days, when my husband was in town and the children at school, my spirits would sometimes flag. Instead of flying to a quinine pill or a dose of cut-rate tonic, I would simply fly to the telephone, call up some one of my treasured relatives or intimate friends, either in town or in the

country, get a little pleasant sparkle of talk or harmless gossip over the wire, and go back to my sewing or work refreshed and braced in mind and body.

"Unbeknownst," too, as good old Sairey Gamp would say, I often administered the telephone-cure to my husband and children. If Henry yawned a good deal in the evening and didn't seem to care to read, or to talk, I would say, carelessly:

"Henry, call up George Blanke, and ask how they all are, over there; we haven't heard from them for several days; or, Henry, call up your mother and ask how all the folks are; tell her we want to know." These little telephone symposiums would brighten dear old Henry up amazingly. When the children were at home from school with colds, too, the telephone was our great comfort. Indeed, I think the world at large is ungenerously silent concerning the countless glorious messages of golden cheer which, day by day, in every direction, flit along the telephone wires."

**Aftermath.**

"Why are you so quiet this evening, dear?" she asked. "Are you thinking about how we became engaged last night?"

"Yes," he answered, with a deep sigh. "You see, I'm perfectly sober to-night." — Chicago Daily News.

THE BEST IS NONE TOO GOOD

## A PRETTY RESIDENCE

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